

Table 1

**Dropout Rates<sup>1</sup> and Number and Percentage Distribution of Dropouts Ages 16 to 24, by Selected Characteristics: October 2008**

Characteristic	Dropout rate (percent)	Number of Dropouts (thousands)	Percent of all dropouts	Percent of population
<b>Total</b>	8.0	3,009	100.0	100.0
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	8.5	1,607	53.4	50.4
Female	7.5	1,402	46.6	49.5
<b>Age</b>				
16-17	3.6	308	10.2	22.9
18-19	8.8	750	24.9	22.6
20-21	8.7	702	23.3	21.5
22-24	10.1	1,249	41.5	32.9
<b>Race/ethnicity<sup>2</sup></b>				
White, non-Hispanic alone	4.8	1,103	36.7	61.1
Black alone	10.2	570	18.9	14.9
Hispanic	18.3	1,231	40.9	17.9
Asian alone	4.4	64	2.1	3.9
<b>Immigration status</b>				
Foreign Born	21.6	813	27.0	10.0
Children of Foreign Born Parents	13.3	1,119	37.2	22.4

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100.0 due to rounding. Details may not add to totals due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>This indicator uses the status dropout rate, which measures the percentage of young adults aged 16 to 24 who were not enrolled in a high school program and had not received a high school diploma or obtained an equivalency certificate.

<sup>2</sup>Due to relatively small sample sizes, American Indians/Alaskan Natives are included in the total but not shown separately. Hispanics may be of any race.

Source: Child Trends' calculations of U.S. Census Bureau, *School Enrollment--Social and Economic Characteristics of Students: October 2008: Detailed Tables*: Table 1.  
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/school/cps2008.html>

